

WI-343
Old Eastern Shore Trust Company
Sharptown
Private

c. 1905

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Old Eastern Shore Trust Company

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-343

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
Commerce
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial-Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Bank

WI-343
Old Eastern Shore Trust Company
194 Main Street
Sharptown, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title
Map 400, Parcel 387

1102/257 Maryland National Bank

to

4/27/1987 Nanticoke Rentals Partnership

Conveyed unto Maryland National Bank by three deeds:

1. To the Eastern Shore Trust Company from Ethel E. Smith
7/1/1905, EAT 44/496
2. To the Eastern Shore Trust Company from Richard H.
Hodgson, Assignee 2/1/1923, JCK 128/392
3. To the County Trust Co. of Maryland from L. Fulton Lowe
and Millie E. Lowe, 7/25/1961, JWTS 524/104

the said Eastern Shore Trust Co. and County Trust Co. of
Maryland by virtue of mergers now Maryland National Bank

EAT 44/496
Ethel E. Smith
Oscar T. Smith
John L. Smith

to

7/1/1905 The Eastern Shore Trust Company

principal office located in Cambridge, Dorchester County

\$250 part of the "Thomas Dashiell lot"

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-343

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Eastern Shore Trust Company

and/or common Hebron Savings Bank

2. Location

street & number 194 Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Sharptown ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Nanticoke Rentals Partnership

street & number P. O. Box 57 telephone no.:

city, town Hebron state and zip code MD 21830

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 400, P. 387
liber 1102

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 257

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Sharptown office of the Hebron Savings Bank, formerly a branch of Maryland National Bank and originally a branch bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company, is located at 194 Main Street in the center of Sharptown, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story gable-front brick bank faces southwest with the roof oriented on an northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1905, the single-story, temple- or gable-front brick structure is laid in stretcher bond pressed brick with narrow butter joints. The corners of the brick structure are defined by plain pilasters. Covered with slate, the medium pitched gable roof is topped by metal cresting. Attached to the back of the bank is a small single-story brick addition that dates to the mid twentieth century.

The southwest (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with a side entrance and a flanking double window of single-pane sash. The door and window openings are spanned by sharply cut stone jack arches with defined end and keystone blocks. Each bay is recessed slightly and is accented with corbeled brickwork above the openings. The temple front is enclosed with a wooden cornice trimmed with bed and crown moldings. Centered within the tympanum is an arched vent. The arch is executed in stone with a molded keystone at the center.

The north side of the bank is defined by two single-pane sash windows topped by segmental brick arches. Corbeled brick accents the wall above the window openings. The base of the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice.

The south side of the building is pierced by three unevenly spaced single-pane sash windows topped by segmental brick arches, and corbeled brick accents the wall above the window openings. Like the others sides, the wall surface is recessed with the corners of the building set slightly outward from the plane established by the main wall.

The back of the bank is partially covered by a mid twentieth-century brick addition.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

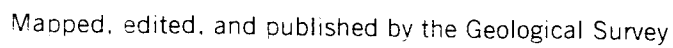
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to its well preserved condition, the old Eastern Shore Trust Company qualifies for listing in *Category A*, which identifies buildings that must be preserved due to their architectural and/or historical significance.

¹ Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 44/496, 1 July 1905.

Sharptown, Maryland Quadrangle
1955





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Low Eastern State - T. 2000 ft.

Sitka Pt. 1000 ft. - 1000 ft. - 1000 ft.

1/20. 1000 ft. - 1000 ft. - 1000 ft.

1000 ft. - 1000 ft. - 1000 ft.

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Old English, Pitkin, Tuck, 3

South of the Woodstock - 100

Woodstock - 100

1998, 1999 - 100

1998, 1999 - 100

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